

House Bill 120 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Willard of the 49th, Ralston of the 7th, Lindsey of the 54th, Fleming of the 117th, Tumlin of the 38th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals respectively, so as to provide for travel allowances for certain appellate Justices and Judges; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Supreme Court, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 15-2-3, relating to oath of Justices and compensation, to read as follows:

"(b)(1) The annual salary of each Justice of the Supreme Court shall be as specified in Code Section 45-7-4. Such salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

(2) The Justices shall also receive expenses and allowances as provided in Code Section 45-7-20. Such salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments. If a Justice resides 50 miles or more from the judicial building in Atlanta, such Justice shall also receive a mileage allowance for the use of a personal motor vehicle when devoted to official business as provided for in Code Section 50-19-7, for not more than one round trip per calendar week to and from the Justice's residence and the judicial building in Atlanta by the most practical route, during each regular and extraordinary session of court. In the event a Justice travels by public carrier for any part of a round trip as provided above, such Justice shall receive a travel allowance of actual transportation costs for each such part in lieu of the mileage allowance. Transportation costs incurred by a Justice for air travel to and from the Justice's residence to the judicial building in Atlanta shall be reimbursed only to the extent that such costs do not exceed the cost of travel by personal motor vehicle. All allowances provided for in this paragraph shall be paid upon the submission of proper vouchers."

SECTION 2.

Chapter 3 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Court of Appeals, is amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 15-3-5, relating to oath of Judges and compensation, to read as follows:

"(b)(1) The annual salary of each Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be as specified in Code Section 45-7-4. Such salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

(2) The Judges shall also receive expenses and allowances as provided in Code Section 45-7-20. ~~Such salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments.~~ If a Judge resides 50 miles or more from the judicial building in Atlanta, such Judge shall also receive a mileage allowance for the use of a personal motor vehicle when devoted to official business as provided for in Code Section 50-19-7, for not more than one round trip per calendar week to and from the Judge's residence and the judicial building in Atlanta by the most practical route, during each regular and extraordinary session of court. In the event a Judge travels by public carrier for any part of a round trip as provided above, such Justice shall receive a travel allowance of actual transportation costs for each such part in lieu of the mileage allowance. Transportation costs incurred by a Judge for air travel to and from the Judge's residence to the judicial building in Atlanta shall be reimbursed only to the extent that such costs do not exceed the cost of travel by personal motor vehicle. All allowances provided for in this paragraph shall be paid upon the submission of proper vouchers."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.